

# Disappointed Lithuanians Demonstrate

## Bush Didn't Press For Baltics, They Say

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A crowd of about 1,000 demonstrated on the steps of the Capitol yesterday afternoon, voicing sometimes bitter disappointment at the outcome of the U.S.-Soviet summit and vowing to continue pressing for Lithuanian independence.

Many of the protesters, who had traveled from Canada, Chicago, Detroit and other major cities, said they felt let down by President Bush's decision Friday to formalize a trade agreement with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev without making freedom for the Baltic state a condition.

"Mr. Bush did not negotiate a real historic agreement because he is not a historic type of president," Jonas Bobelis of the Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania told the cheering protesters. "History just walked right by him."

"He is just being friendly and not doing anything," said Maria Majauskas, 50, of Mount Laurel, N.Y., who fled Lithuania with her family



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during the Soviet occupation in 1949. "Mr. Bush will not get the Lithuanian vote the next time around." About 1 million Baltic Americans live in the United States.

Several speakers, including Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato (R-N.Y.), expressed concern that the agreement would strengthen Gorbachev's hand at home at a time when he is depriving the Baltic state of

basic necessities through a six-week-old economic blockade.

"We are in the strongest position we've ever been in. We should not be giving [the Soviets] everything they ask for to bail them out," D'Amato said, promising the crowd that Congress would fight the Bush administration if it sought most-favored-nation trading status for the Soviet Union.

With Gorbachev and Bush out of the city, organizers said their effort was aimed at getting the support of Congress and the American people.

"I'm very angry at the American people and all this Gorbymania. We know what he's like. He's a sneak," said Irene Zukauskas, 16, who traveled nearly 16 hours by bus with 400 other Canadians to attend yesterday's rally.

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